

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-11, 13-22, 24-33, and 35-40 remain pending in the instant application. At the outset, Applicant again gratefully acknowledges courtesy of the Examiner in granting and conducting a telephone interview with Applicant's undersigned representative. The following paragraph is a brief summary of that interview.

Claims 1 and 10 were discussed relative of the Examiner's remarks in the Advisory Action regarding a concave portion of Albrecht (U.S. Patent No. 5,221,415). Specifically, the examiner's view of the reference was that the metal coating 42 defined a concave portion occupied by substrate 40, thereby meeting the claim language. However, Applicant noted that portion of the metal coating 42 adjacent substrate 40 does not form the requisite angle recited of the reflection surface plane. Examiner's view was that this feature was not part of the claim, and therefore, the claim was met by Albrecht. Therefore, it was agreed that an amendment to independent claims 1, 10, 16 and 30 defining the relevant portion of the reflection surface plane as adjacent to the interior concave portion of the mirror, the interior portion being filled with a non-atmospheric material, was patentable over Albrecht and the remaining prior art of record, and could be entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

As amended above, independent claims 1, 10, 16 and 30 recite *inter alia*, a mirror having an interior concave portion adjacent to the reflection surface plane which is filled with a non-atmospheric material. This amendment is fully supported throughout the original specification as filed, and no new matter has been added. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are patentably distinguished over the prior art.

The balance of the pending claims are dependent, either directly or indirectly, from one of independent claims 1, 10, 16 or 30. These dependent claims are each separately patentable,

but are offered as patentable for at least the same reasons as their underlying independent base claims.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims recite patentable subject matter, and kindly solicits entry of the above amendment, and an early and favorable indication of allowability of all claims. If the Examiner has any reservation in allowing the claims, and believes that a telephone interview would advance prosecution, he is kindly requested to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience

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